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LOK SABHA

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INCOMPLETE REFINERY PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the name of Oil Companies which have kept incomplete refinery projects on their hands;

(b) the progress of each such incomplete refinery project;

(c) the reasons due to which these projects have remained incomplete;

(d) whether any efforts is being made to complete these projects; and

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the target date fixed for the completion of these oil refinery projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (e): There have been some slippages in implementation of the following refinery projects.

(i) 6.0 million metric tonnes per annum grassroot Central India Refinery Project at Bina (Madhya Pradesh)Land acquisition, technology selection and receipt of all environmental clearances have been completed. Implementation of the project has been delayed due to delay in receipt of certain environmental clearances. Continuous follow-up and efforts were made to obtain the various environmental clearances. The target date for completion of the project will depend on the decision by the joint venture partner to confirm participation in the project. The project is expected to be completed within 48 months from the date of commencement of project execution.

(ii) 9.0 million tonnes per annum grass root refinery at Abhayachandrapur, Paradeep (Orissa): Major portion of land has been acquired, technology selection and environmental clearances for the project have been completed. Implementation of the project has been delayed due to withdrawal of joint venture partner from the project. After withdrawal of the joint venture partner, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) has proposed to implement the project on its own.The project as per present schedule is likely to be completed in year 2003.

(iii) 9.0 million metric tonnes per annum grassroot refinery project at Bhatinda in Punjab: All environmental clearances for the project have been received. Approximately 2,000 acres of land has been acquired for the project. Implementation of the project has been delayed due to delay in receipt of certain environmental clearances and withdrawal of joint venture partner from the project. Government has permitted Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited(HPCL) to execute the refinery project through a 100% subsidiary company of HPCL, after tying up funding for the project.HPCL would induct a joint venture partner into the project, if so required, subsequently. The project is likely to be completed by the year 2005.